

# Van Meter

## CITY OF VAN METER

February 2018

### CITY COUNCIL 2018



In January, three new City Council members took office. They were elected in November at the regular city election.

The individuals new to the City Council are Adam Coyle, Joe Herman, and Steven Meyer. Each will serve 4 year terms.



Council member Coyle takes the oath of office.

In the new year, the City Council has committed to a goal setting process that should guide the City's business over the next few years. The City Council will be working on setting those goals in upcoming meetings and would like to hear from you. Likely topics of interest will include water treatment, growth and development, infrastructure projects, facility planning, etc. If you have ideas about how to move our community forward please reach out to your elected officials.

The council meets on the second Monday of the month at 7p. Currently those meetings are held at the Veterans Reception Center located at 910 Main St. The public is both welcome and encouraged to attend.

**Congratulations  
Adam, Joe and Steve!  
Many thanks  
Adam, Michael and  
Owen!**

As we look to the future with optimism it is appropriate to pause and thank Adam Lamoureux, Mike Peterson, and Owen Stump, for their service, and time spent making Van Meter a better place. Please thank them the next time you meet!

#### Elected Officials:

##### Mayor-

Allan Adams



##### Council

-Kim Sacker

Mayor Pro Tem

-Adam Coyle

-Joe Herman

-Lyn Lyon

-Steve Meyer

##### City Staff:

City Hall-

515-996-2644

Jake Anderson-

City Administrator

Liz Thompson-Clerk

Dave Herman-

Public Works

Michael Abbott-

Public Works

Bill Daggett-

Police Chief

Craig Greer-

Police Officer

Jon Bruen- Fire Chief

Suzanne Lindaman-

Library Director

515-996-2435





## VMPD

### HELP US HELP YOU

We need your help. We need you to dial 911 for emergencies and for non-emergencies call 515-993-4567 for the Dallas County Dispatch. We love being connected to the community by our cellular telephones but with the update in technology and the expansion of the police department we need your help in reporting emergencies and calls for service directly to the Dallas County Dispatch. Sheriff Leonard and his communications team are invaluable in assuring you get the best assistance and the correct assistance in your time of need. Dispatch knows who is on, who is on-call and are trained to gather all the information they need to best help you. We love our community and need your help to assure you get the best services.

## CELEBRATING 150 YEARS

### **Tradition with a Vision: Celebrating 150 Years**

We're going all out for this year's Raccoon River Days in honor of Van Meter's Sesquicentennial, and we need your help to make it happen!

We're looking for individuals, families, teams or businesses to:

- Coordinate special one-time events such as old fashioned games or food
- Create floats / be a part of the parade
- Design and create games or activities
- Volunteer during the event
- Become a sponsor and help fund this great community event

**We are in need of sponsors by February 15.** Email us at [raccoonriverdays@gmail.com](mailto:raccoonriverdays@gmail.com) and let us know how you can help!

## PARKS & REC

Little League Baseball and Softball Registration is now OPEN. All primary guardians will need to create an account prior to completing their first registration within the system. In future seasons, you may log in with your account information to register. Use the link below to sign up.

Link: <http://bit.ly/2gMrt7s>

This is available for students 4 - 12 years old as of: August 31st for baseball and January 1st for softball. A jersey and a hat are included in the registration fees.

### **Registration is open until February 18th.**

Coaches do a good job of working around schedules if your child wants to play both soccer and baseball/softball.

Please let me know if you have any questions.

Jay Olson

[jolson@vanmeteria.gov](mailto:jolson@vanmeteria.gov)

# CHECK IT OUT AT THE LIBRARY



If you would like to check out books, magazines, or DVDs and the weather is holding you back, we have the answer! We are starting a new service at the library, delivery of library materials to those who need it. Call us and we will find what you need and deliver it to your doorstep. The library phone is (515) 996-2435. Another wonderful way to read without leaving your chair is to download an e-book or audio book through Bridges. The link is on our web page or you can download the Overdrive app to your device. Once you set it up with your library card, you have a library of books at your fingertips.

We have exciting programming at the Van Meter Public Library, to keep the winter blues away. Every week we have:

- **Tech Tuesdays**, where you can drop in with your techie toys or have any question answered. If we cannot answer it that day, we will find it! If there is interest, we will schedule classes on e-books, Facebook, or Microsoft programs. Let us know what you need.
- Tuesday evenings we have **Story Time** at 6:30p. There will be stories, puppets, rhymes, songs, and we will end with a craft!
- On Wednesdays, after school, there is **Tween/Teen Crafting**, you can join us for a fun craft and all supplies will be provided.
- A **Movie Matinee** happens every Friday, a child friendly movie will be shown after the early school dismissal at 1:45p.



- ⇒ Our special programming for the next month includes a program on 'Kids in the Kitchen' during our **Special Saturday Story** February 3, from 10:30 – 11:00a. We will be learning about healthy eating from the ISU Extension and making a yogurt parfait!
- ⇒ On Wednesday, February 14 the **Dallas County Conservationist** will be visiting from 3:30 – 4:15p.
- ⇒ A program, on February 22 at 6:30p called **Lessons of the Holocaust** will relate the events and how they are still affecting us today. "My main purpose is for us all to realize that decisions we make have consequences and not making decisions has consequences as well. The goal of the program is to help all become better people."  
– presenter Brad Wilkening.



Come and join the fun at our seventh annual

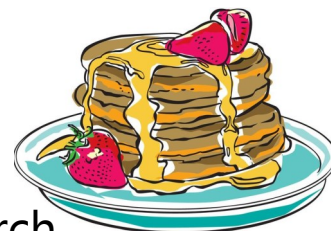
# Fat Tuesday Community Pancake Supper

Tuesday, February 13

5:30—7p

Van Meter United Methodist Church

100 Hazel St



There will be pancakes, great toppings, bacon and King Cake.

Try your hand at the traditional pancake-flipping contest.



Your freewill offering will go toward a mission project helping a local family in need.



Put on a mask, don some beads, play Mardi-Gras games and enjoy our community.

Bring your friends; everyone is welcome to the party!



## **Agreement For Preauthorized Payments**

To sign up for AUTOMATIC WITHDRAWAL, please complete the form below and mail or bring to City Hall along with a VOIDED CHECK from your financial institution.

I (we) hereby authorize the CITY OF VAN METER to initiate debit entries to my (our) checking account indicated below and the depository named below, hereinafter called DEPOSITORY, to debit the same to such account.

DEPOSITORY NAME \_\_\_\_\_

CITY \_\_\_\_\_ STATE \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

TRANSIT ABA NO. \_\_\_\_\_ ACCOUNT NO. \_\_\_\_\_

(Transit ABA Number is the first 9 numbers from left on the bottom of your check)

This authority is to remain in full force and effect until the City of Van Meter and Depository have received written notification from me (either of us) of its termination in such time and in such manner as to afford the City of Van Meter and Depository a reasonable opportunity to act on it.

NAME(s) (*print*) \_\_\_\_\_

SIGNATURE \_\_\_\_\_

DATE \_\_\_\_\_

\*\*\*You will receive your water bill on or near the first of the month as usual. The amount due will be deducted from the above assigned account on the 15<sup>th</sup> of each month.\*\*\*



# CITY OF VAN METER



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Van Meter, IA 50261**

**Phone: 515-996-2644  
www.vanmeteria.gov**

Recycling Schedule  
February 2018

**WASTE CONNECTIONS INC  
515-265-7374**

Monday, February 5

Monday, February 19

## Water Leaks—

Don't let your money go  
down the drain!



A slow drip of water can  
add up quickly. A toilet that "keeps  
running" after you flush it or a dripping  
faucet can waste thousands of gallons  
of water a year— and that costs **money!**

A drip	15 gal/day	450 gal/ month
1/32 in. leak	264 gal/ day	7,920 gal/ month
1/16 in. leak	943 gal/ day	28,300 gal/ month
1/8 in. leak	3,809 gal/ day	114,200 gal/ month
1/4 in. leak	15,226 gal/day	456,800 gal/ month

# SNOW



**Public Safety and Public Works thanks you to remove your vehicles and snow promptly.**

**SNOW REMOVAL.** No person shall park or allow a vehicle to remain parked on a public street in the City from the time it begins to snow until such time as the streets have been cleared of accumulated snow from curb to



curb (or from all of the traveled portion of the roadway for those streets which do not have curbs) or 48 hours, whichever time is shorter. Vehicles shall be removed immediately once it begins to snow. The Director of Public Works and Utilities is also empowered to end the prohibition on parking prior to the expiration of the 48-hour period if the Director determines that the streets have been cleared. The Director of Public Works and Utilities shall notify the Police Chief when the parking prohibition has ended.

**Dumping of Snow.** It is unlawful for any person to throw, push, place, or cause to be thrown, pushed or placed, any ice or snow from private property, sidewalks, or driveways onto the traveled way of a street or alley so as to obstruct gutters, or impede the passage of vehicles upon the street or alley or to create a hazardous condition therein; except where, in the cleaning of large commercial drives in the business district it is absolutely necessary to move the snow onto the street or alley temporarily, such accumulation shall be removed promptly by the property owner or agent. Arrangements for the prompt removal of such accumulations shall be made prior to moving the snow.

**Removal of Snow, Ice and Accumulations.** It is the responsibility of the abutting property owners to remove snow, ice and accumulations promptly from sidewalks. If a property owner does not remove snow, ice or accumulations within 48-hours after such accumulations, the City may do so and assess the costs against the property owner for collection in the same manner as a property tax.

City Code of Ordinances can be found our website or City Hall.

